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Admiralty Office, 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 1798.

Sir,

Admiral Sir Richard King  
 Commander in Chief of His Majesty's  
 Ships at Plymouth having transmitted  
 to me a Letter which he had  
 received from Captain Carden, late  
 first Lieutenant of the Fisgard,  
 respecting the Ten Irishmen who  
 had been taken on board the Immor-  
talité French Frigate; I am commanded  
 by my Lords Commissioners of the  
 Admiralty to send you herewith a  
 copy of the said Letter for the infor-  
 mation of the Duke of Portland.

I am,

Sir,

Your most humble Servant

Edw Keenan

William Wickham Esq



L'Immortalité's Namooage

November 2. 1798.

Sir,

In compliance with your Order, I have to inform you, that the Ten Irishmen in question were Prisoners on board L'Immortalité at the time I took possession of her and from the French Log and their own Corroborating Evidence it appears that they were taken Prisoners by going off to the said Ship, supposing her to be English, there has not any thing transpired since to my knowledge from which they can be suspected. Mr Robert Ellis, One of the said Ten Men appears to be a Revenue Officer, doing duty on the Coast where L'Immortalité came to an Anchor, and Mr George Johnston another of the said number appears to be an Officer of the Loyal Erne Yeomanry from his own Evidence. The rest are Common Men whose occupation is in Boats on the Coast, Piloting In & Out In

J. S. Carden

Admiral Sir Rich. King B.<sup>t</sup>



Private

Admiralty 7. Nov 1798.

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My dear Sir

I do not think it all all  
probable that any of the men late belonging  
to the Diomedes now on board the Nautilus  
will be brought to trial; If therefore any  
expectation should be entertained by Mr.  
Graham of deriving advantage from their  
Declarations the sooner he takes the  
Examinations the better.

By a letter I have just received  
from Captain Newman of the Mermaid, I  
find that the Caesar, Terrible & Melpomene  
fell in with the three French Brigades &  
a Corvette off the Coast of Ireland, and  
that he, <sup>Capt. Newman</sup> afterwards fell in with one of our  
— line

Commands to send you herewith a  
copy of their Order to the Navy  
Board, dated the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1797 on  
this subject, for His Grace's infor-  
mation. I am

Sir, Your most humble Servant

John King Esq.

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line of Battle Ships with a disabled Frigate  
and another Frigate, <sup>both of</sup> which he supposed  
he prizes to the former.

Yours very sincerely

Evan Nepean

Am W. L. H. H. H.



Admiralty Office, 8<sup>th</sup> Novr 1798.

Sir,

The Duke of Portland  
having in his Letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant  
transmitted to my Lords Commissioners  
of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter  
which His Grace had received from  
Major General Keppel, dated  
Martinico, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1798 on the  
subject of the Rent of Houses  
occupied by the Naval Department  
in that Island, which remained  
unpaid; I have their Lordships  
Commands to send you herewith a  
Copy of their Order to the Navy  
Board, dated the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1797 on  
this subject, for His Grace's infor-  
mation. I am

Sir, Your most humble Servant

John King Esq<sup>r</sup>

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Admiralty Office, 15<sup>th</sup> Novr 1798.

Sir

The Commissioners for the  
Transport Service and Care of Prisoners  
of War having represented to my Lords  
Commissioners of the Admiralty that  
the Prison at Liverpool is now so  
full that no more Prisoners can be  
received there, and that Portsmouth  
and Chatham are the only places  
where there is at present room for  
any further number of Prisoners;  
I have their Lordships Commands to  
acquaint you therewith for the infor-  
mation of the Duke of Portland,  
in order that the Government of  
Ireland may not send any more  
Prisoners from that Kingdom to  
Liverpool. I am

Sir Your most humble Servant

William Wickham Esq.

Edmund Keenan



Admiralty Office, 21<sup>st</sup> Novr 1798

Sir,

Having laid before my Lords  
Commissioners of the Admiralty your  
Letter to me to me of the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant  
representing that the Ten Persons  
therein mentioned who were found on  
board the Immortalité when captured  
by the Frigate, had gone on board of  
that Vessel in Gonaegat Bay, under the  
impression that she was an English  
Frigate, and suggesting by direction of  
the Duke of Portland, that orders may  
be given for their release; I have  
their Lordships Commands to acquaint  
you, for His Grace's Information, that  
the persons in question have been

sent

William Wickham Esq<sup>r</sup>



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sent to Dublin in His Majesty's Steamer  
Kangaroo. I am,

Sir,

Your most humble Servant

Evan Neenan



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Whitehall 7.<sup>th</sup> December 1798

The Lords Commissioners  
of the Admiralty.

My Lords

Mr. Wickham having laid  
before me a letter from Mr.  
Kepear, of yesterday's date,  
inclosing a Copy of a letter from  
Captain Lloyd of His Majesty's  
Ship Termagant, with Copies of  
Letters found by that Officer on  
board a Vessel bound to Ireland,  
and stating that, upon the  
application of Sir James Crauford  
His Majesty's Minister at  
Hamburgh, he had consented to  
receive on board the Termagant  
two Prisoners of State, for their  
passage to England, and as

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no doubt can remain, from  
the directions that have been  
given to Sir James Craufurd,  
that he has succeeded in  
his application to the Govern-  
ment of Hamburgh, for the  
delivering up the Persons of  
James Napper Tandy, and

Blackwell, charged  
with High Treason committed  
in Ireland; I have the King's  
commands to signify to your  
Lordships His Majesty's pleasure,  
that in the event of the said  
two Persons being brought to  
England in the Termagant, or  
any other Ship of War, your  
Lordships are to direct, that  
the



The Captain of such Ship may proceed with them immediately to the Bay of Killala, and detain them there in safe custody on board, until he shall receive instructions from the Lord Lieutenant for their disposal. Your Lordships will also be pleased to direct the Captain to apprise His Excellency of his arrival, and of the Persons he has on board.

I think it necessary to observe to your Lordships, that it may be of advantage to the King's Service, that the steps, which have been taken on this occasion, should be as little known as circumstances will permit.



Admiralty Office, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1798

Sir

I am commanded by my Lords  
Commissioners of the Admiralty to  
inclose to you the copy of a Letter  
which I have received from the  
Commissioners for the Transport Service  
and Care of Prisoners of War, proposing  
a Reduction in the Establishment for  
Prisoners of War in Health at Guernsey,  
and to desire you will be pleased to  
lay the same before the Duke of  
Portland, suggesting to His Grace that  
it will be a saving to the Public,  
if the measure therein proposed of  
confining the Prisoners in the Goal

William Wickham Esq<sup>r</sup>

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of the Island, can be acceded to  
I am,

Gentl

Your most humble Servant

Evan Nevean



Treasurer's Office

7<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1798.

Sir

We beg you will inform His  
 Lordship, that if the Governor and Command<sup>r</sup>  
 in Chief of the Island of Guernsey should &  
 continue to permit any Prisoner to be  
 confined there, we are of opinion that the  
 few Prisoners who may be carried thither  
 from time to time may be confined in  
 the common Gaol of the Island until  
 such time as they can be brought over to  
 this Country, and in that case we beg  
 leave to propose to His Lordship, that the  
 establishment should be reduced or stated  
 on the other side —

We are &amp;c

A. Leile

M. A. Otway

J. R. Hunt.

Essex &amp; Pease &amp; Co.



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And perhaps some small allowance  
 be necessary to be given Mr Gasler of  
 Island for the additional trouble which  
 the business of war will occasion him.



Admiralty Office, 10 Dec. 1798.

Sir,

Admiral Lord Duncan having transmitted to me a Letter which he had received from Captain Lloyd of His Majesty's Sloop Termagant dated Guahaven, the 1<sup>st</sup>. Instant, containing some further Information relative to the Irish Rebels at Hamburg; I am commanded by my Lords Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Admiralty to inclose to you a Copy thereof for the information of the Duke of Portland.

I am,

Sir

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Evan Nepean

William Wickham Esq<sup>r</sup>



Whitehall, 22 December 1798.

Draft to  
The Lords Commissioners of  
the Admiralty.

Honduras  
11<sup>th</sup> August 1798.

My Lords

Inclosed I transmit  
to your Lordships a copy of  
a Letter to the Earl of  
Balcarres from Lt Colonel  
Barrow, who commands  
at Honduras, relative to  
certain Preparations, which  
appeared to be on foot, on  
the part of Spain, for  
making an attack upon  
our settlement there.

Lord Balcarres informs me,  
that, in consequence of the  
above Letter, he is sending  
down to Honduras a  
further Reinforcement of  
230. Rank and File, with



6 months Provision for  
1200 Men, and a due  
Proportion of Military Stores,  
but it does not appear,  
that any degree of Naval  
assistance whatever had  
been, <sup>it</sup> was about to be,  
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the Execution of His Majesty's Service might require. —

I therefore conceive it to be my duty to desire your Lordships to refer to the Letter, I had the honor of writing to you upon this subject, on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1797, at the same time that I lay before you the information contained in Lieut: Colonel Barrow's Letter, in order that you may judge, how far the relative Duties of the Admiral on the Jamaica Station enabled him to afford any, and what, degree of Naval assistance to the Settlement at Honduras, under the

Circumstances



circumstance, which  
called for it, as stated in  
the within Letter from  
Lieut. Colonel Barrow. -

I am the more particularly  
anxious, that the Settlers  
should be enabled to stand  
their ground against the  
Spaniards, because the  
unavoidable consequence  
of their inability to make  
that stand, would be  
their removal from the  
Bay; - the performance  
of which service, exclusive  
of every other consideration,  
will be infinitely more  
difficult and embarrassing,  
than it will be to afford  
them a sufficient degree  
both of Naval and Military  
assistance



assistance to stand upon  
the defences. —